


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:	)	Examiner: Unknown
Thomas Haaf, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: Unknown
Serial No.(Divisional of 09/007,020	)	
Filed: January 14, 1998	)	
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS	)	
UTILIZING RAD51	)	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the present case, Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-65680-2/RFT/RMS/DAV).

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, line 3, before "is", please insert:

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a --application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/007,020, filed January 14, 1998, which--.

On page 1, line 4, please replace "both" with --all--.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel ~~all~~ Claims except for Claims 18-21.

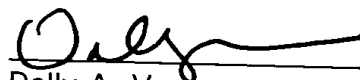
**Remarks**

Claims 18-21 are pending in this application. All other Claims are canceled herein without prejudice, as they are being pursued in separate applications as a result of a Restriction Requirement made in Serial No. 09/007,020. The specification has been amended to reference the parent application.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (415) 781-1989 if any matter may be resolved by that means.

Respectfully submitted,

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